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SUBJECT: VIENTIANE SIDE COORDINATING COMMITTEE CALLS

FOR LAO RECOGNITION OF GRUNK

REF: VIENTIANE 2643

1. DEFENSE MINISTER SISOUK NA CHAMPASSAK, IN HIS CAPACITY AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF VIENTIANE SIDE COORDINATING COUNCIL (VSCC), ISSUED DECLARATION AFTERNOON OF APRIL 18 CALLING ON PGNU TO RECOGNIZE GRUNK. DECLARATION WAS PUBLISHED SAME AFTERNOON ON PAGE ONE OF LAO-LANGUAGE DAILY XAT LAO (ISSUED DATED APRIL 19).

2. TEXT AS ISSUED IN ENGLISH BY FSCC FOLLOWS:

"THE KINGDOM OF LAOS IS AN INDEPENDENT AND NEUTRAL COUNTRY. THE FOREIGN POLICY OF LAOS IS ONE OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES.

"FROM THE BEGINNING, THE KINGDOM OF LAOS SOUGHT, BY PEACEFUL MEANS, TO CO-EXIST WITH EVERY COUNTRY IN THE
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WORLD, REGARDLESS OF THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL REGIME IN

THOSE COUNTRIES. ESPECIALLY LAOS STRONGLY WISHES TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH HER NEIGHBOURS.

"IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE POLICY OF NEUTRALITY AND OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES, PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA, THE PRIME MINISTER OF LAOS, HAS CLEARLY LAID DOWN THE POLICY GUIDELINES ON THE RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. IN HIS STATEMENT PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA SAID THAT: LAOS WOULD RECOGNIZE AND ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ONLY THE GOVERNMENT THAT GOVERNS THE COUNTRY FROM THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE COUNTRY CONCERNED.

"THIS POLICY STAND IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION AND IS THE MOST SUITABLE POLICY THAT HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS PURSUED FOR THE LAST DECADE.

"WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REASONS, LAOS RECOGNIZED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

"BUT THE EVENTS IN CAMBODIA HAS (SIC) GREATLY CHANGED AND A NEW SITUATION HAS ARISEN. PRINCE SIHANOUK'S ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF CAMBODIA REGAINED COMPLETE CONTROL IN PHNOM PENH SINCE APRIL 17, 1975. THEREFORE, IN KEEPING UP WITH THE POLICY SUITABLE TO LAOS' NEUTRALITY AS WE HAVE CAUTIOUSLY FOLLOWED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, ON BEHALF OF THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF THE VIENTIANE SIDE, I AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SAID COMMITTEE, CALL UPON THE PROVISIONAL COALITION GOVERNMENT OF LAOS TO RECOGNIZE THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF CAMBODIA AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA."

"VIENTIANE APRIL 18, 1975"

3. COMMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.CHAPMAN

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